STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Office of the Attorney General
Department of Law and Public Safety
Division of Gaming Enforcement
Dkt No. 12-0786-VC

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT
OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY,
DIVISION OF GAMING ENFORCEMENT,

Petitioner,

v.

BOARDWALK REGENCY CORPORATION,
LLC, d/b/a Caesars Hotel and Casino,

Respondent.

The Division filed a complaint on October 19, 2012, Docket No. 12-0786-VC, seeking sanctions against BOARDWALK REGENCY CORPORATION, LLC d/b/a CAESARS HOTEL AND CASINO ("Caesars") for reasons set forth therein and, more specifically, that Caesars failed to conduct a thorough inspection of the entire count room and all accounting equipment therein to verify that no cash, tokens, gaming chips, gaming vouchers, or coupons remained in the room; and

Having considered the relevant provisions of the Casino Control Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-1 et seq., and the regulations promulgated thereunder, specifically then <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:69D-1.33(i)8 and currently <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:69D-1.33(u); and

Having considered the Stipulation of Settlement which the parties executed and finding sufficient legal and factual support for the recommended penalty therein.

I hereby **ORDER** that the settlement be adopted and that a civil penalty in the aggregate amount of \$5,000 be imposed upon Caesars, payable upon receipt of an invoice from the Division.

Dated: November 26, 201~

DAVID L. REBUCK DIRECTOR

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY DOCKET NO.: 12-0786-VC

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF GAMING ENFORCEMENT.

Complainant,

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BOARDWALK REGENCY CORPORATION, LLC, d/b/a Caesars Hotel and Casino,

Respondent.

Civil Action

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

The matters involved in the above-captioned action, having been discussed by and between the parties involved, Jeffrey S. Chiesa, Attorney General of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Gaming Enforcement ("Division"), by Timothy C. Ficchi, Deputy Attorney General, and BOARDWALK REGENCY CORPORATION d/b/a CAESARS ATLANTIC CITY, Respondent, by N.

Lynne Hughes, Esq., Vice President Legal Affairs & Chief legal Officer, Caesars

Entertainment/Eastern Division, and said matters having been resolved, it is hereby
consented to and agreed by and between the parties.

#### PRELIMINARY FACTS

- 1. Respondent, BOARDWALK REGENCY CORPORATION d/b/a CAESARS ATLANTIC CITY ("Caesars") is a New Jersey corporation having its principal place of business at 2100 Pacific Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401.
- 2. Caesars is the holder of a plenary casino license first issued by the on October 25, 1980 and continuously renewed thereafter. At all times relevant herein, Caesars was authorized to conduct casino gaming within its casino hotel facility.

### **APPLICABLE LAW**

3. <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:69D-1.33, which was promulgated as a temporary "emergency" regulation and was in effect at all times relevant herein, provides, in pertinent part:

- (i) After the contents of all drop boxes or all slot cash storage boxes have been counted:
- 8. A count room employee shall conduct a thorough inspection of the entire count room and all counting equipment located therein to verify that no cash, tokens, gaming chips, gaming vouchers, or coupons remain in the room and shall certify the foregoing in a writing which shall be filed with the Division.
- 4. <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:69D-1.33(u), which has been promulgated since the effective period of the emergency regulation in paragraph 3, above, and is now in effect, provides:
  - (u) A count room employee shall conduct a thorough inspection of the entire count room and all counting equipment located therein to verify that no cash, tokens, gaming chips, gaming vouchers, or coupons remain in the room and shall certify the foregoing in a writing which shall be filed with the Division.

## **ALLEGATION AND ADMISSIONS**

- 5. The Division, by Complaint filed October 19, 2012, Docket No. 12-0786-VC, sought sanctions against Caesars for reasons set forth therein and, more specifically that:
  - a) Caesars, on September 13, 2011, through its count room personnel, falled to conduct a thorough inspection of the entire count room and all accounting equipment therein to verify that no cash, tokens, gaming chips, gaming vouchers, or coupons remained in the room in violation of then N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.33(i)8 and currently N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.33(u).

6. Respondent Caesars acknowledges the accuracy of the facts set forth in Paragraph 5, above, and admits that it violated then N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.33(i)8 and currently N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.33(u).

### Prior Regulatory History of the Licensee

7. Although Caesars has been sanctioned and noticed regarding violations of various statutory and regulatory provisions, Caesars has not been the subject of any regulatory action for violations of the count room procedures described herein.

# **Corrective Action Of The Licensee And Mitigating Factors**

- 8. The violations described herein were unintentionally committed by Caesars personnel.
- 9. Caesars personnel notified the Division of the incident upon discovery of the previously unaccounted gaming vouchers, cash and coupons.
- 10. Caesars personnel did attempt to retrieve all gaming vouchers, cash and coupons when the counting machine malfunctioned but due to the location of

those items within the counting machine, the personnel could not readily find those items.

### **Settlement Agreement**

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED AND STIPULATED by and between the parties hereto that:

- A. The facts stated herein are true and accurate.
- B. Respondent Caesars admits that it violated the provisions of the Division regulations, specifically then N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.33(I)8 and currently N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.33(u) in that, through its count room personnel, Caesars failed to conduct a thorough inspection of the entire count room and all accounting equipment therein to verify that no cash, tokens, gaming chips, gaming vouchers, or coupons remained in the room.
- C. For the violations admitted in Paragraph B, above, Respondent, Caesars, shall pay to the New Jersey Casino Revenue Fund, as a civil penalty pursuant N.J.S.A. 5:12-129(5), and in recognition of the provisions of N.J.S.A. 5:12-130, the sum of \$5,000.00.

The parties agree that a monetary penalty, in the total amount of D. \$5,000.00 is just and equitable and in accordance with the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 5:12-130, and shall be in full and final settlement of the allegations set forth in the above-captioned complaint.

The undersigned consent to the form and entry of the above Stipulation.

Timothy C. Ficchi

**Deputy Attorney General** Attorney for Complainant

Dated: 11/26/2012

Dated: 11/27/12

N. Lygne Hughes, Esq.

Vice President, Legal Affairs &

Chief Legal Officer

Counsel for Respondent

**BOARDWALK REGENCY CORPORATION** 

d/b/a CAESARS ATLANTIC CITY